

## **POLAND: COUNTRY REPORT FROM FISHERIES INSTITUTES**

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In Poland there are two fisheries institutes, Sea Fisheries Institute (SFI) in Gdynia and Inland Fisheries Institute (IFI) in Olsztyn.. The former is studying marine and coastal environments, marine biology, ecology and oceanography, the latter – the fisheries and biology of freshwater environments. The IFI fulfils function of documentation centre for Polish fisheries literature, which is elaborated also to international information systems. The SFI co-ordinates documentation of Polish fisheries journals for ASFIS.

In 2001 the SFI celebrated it 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and IFI its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of activity. The jubilee celebration was an opportunity to demonstrate their scientific teams, studies, collaboration with different institutes and dissemination of new technologies – in short – it was the occasion for many summaries. The SFI celebrated its jubilee in June, the IFI in October 2001.

Besides two fisheries institutes, in Poland there are some another scientific centres, for example Institute of Meteorology and Water Management in Warsaw, Maritime Academy in Gdynia, Institute of Oceanology in Sopot, where water environments are studied. Many Polish scientific centres possess computerized library collections using ISIS or ALEPH software and almost all have access to the Internet. In the near future we hope that integration and co-operation with scientific institutes of the European Union will be possible on a partner basis.

